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(U) Huntington Park – \$3 Million Worth of Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Seized in Drug Bust

(U) Authorities said they seized more than 150,000 counterfeit oxycodone M30 pills on Tuesday in Huntington Park, which are believed to contain fentanyl. A narcotics team with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department served a search warrant and recovered the pills. They also recovered 94-pounds of methamphetamine and two-kilograms of powdered fentanyl, which authorities estimate totals to more than \$3 million. Two men were arrested and booked for various narcotics-related charges. SOURCE: 11 May 2022, ABC7

(U) Merced – Accused Gang Member Arrested for Drug and Stolen Gun Possession

(U) An accused gang member was arrested on Wednesday in Merced for being in possession of a stolen gun and drugs. Officers conducted a traffic stop near 22nd and N Streets and arrested the passenger, Gilbert Guerrero, 40, who was on probation. During a search of the vehicle, police found a loaded gun, ammunition, methamphetamine, and fentanyl.

SOURCE: 11 May 2022, <u>FOX26</u>

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - CBP Officers Seize Methamphetamine Worth \$18 Million at World Trade Bridge

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized methamphetamine in one enforcement action that totaled more than \$18,000,000 in street value. The seizure occurred on Friday, 6 May at the World Trade Bridge when a CBP officer referred a 2013 International trailer hauling a shipment of stainless-steel scrap for a secondary inspection. The trailer was driven by a 33-year-old male Mexican citizen arriving from Mexico. Following a canine and non-intrusive imaging system examination, CBP officers discovered a total of 912.82-pounds of alleged methamphetamine within trailer. SOURCE: 11 May 2022, CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – New Executive Order to Give DOJ Powers to Stop Foreign Adversaries

(U) Washington – The Biden administration has drafted an executive order that would give the Department of Justice vast powers to stop foreign adversaries like China from accessing Americans' personal data. The proposal, which is being reviewed by government agencies, would also direct the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to prevent federal funding from supporting the transfer of US health data to foreign adversaries.

SOURCE: 11 May 2022, Reuters

(U) District of Columbia – US Overdose Deaths Hit Record 107,000 Last Year, CDC Says

(U) Washington – More than 107,000 Americans died of drug overdoses last year, setting another tragic US record. That translates to roughly one overdose death every five minutes. The Centers for Disease

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Control and Prevention (CDC) on Wednesday released provisional data for 2021. The estimate marked a 15% increase from the previous record — set in 2020.

SOURCE: 11 May 2022, AP & Scripps National

(U) Texas – 40 Arrested as Part of Week-Long Investigation Targeting Drugs, Gang Activity

(U) Amarillo – The Amarillo field office of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Dallas recently led a week-long multi-agency operation targeting narcotics trafficking and individuals associated with the Aryan brotherhood and other criminal gangs. During the operation, 40 individuals were arrested for felony warrants for violating federal laws. According to a news release, this initiative spearheaded by the HSI office of Amarillo and the US Marshals Service targeted gang members with outstanding warrants, using surveillance from numerous local, state, and federal agencies.

SOURCE: 11 May 2022, Amarillo Globe-News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Denmark – Ex-Minister to be Charged for Leaking Highly Classified State Secrets

(U) Copenhagen – Denmark's public prosecutor is set to formally charge former defense minister Claus Hjort Frederiksen with leaking highly classified state secrets, the justice ministry said in a statement on Thursday. Frederiksen, who served as defense minister between 2016 and 2019, said in January he had been preliminarily charged with violating a section of the penal code, which includes treason for leaking state secrets. Parliament will now have to discuss whether to remove Frederiksen's parliamentary immunity, a protection against legal prosecution granted to Danish lawmakers.

SOURCE: 12 May 2022, Reuters

(U) Iraq – Iraqi Soldiers Kill Nine ISIS Militants in Kirkuk Operation

(U) Kirkuk – Iraqi soldiers killed nine militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) on Wednesday local time during an operation in the northern province of Kirkuk, the Iraqi military said. Iraqi soldiers surrounded nine militants in a tunnel in Kraw Mountain north of Baghdad and bombed the tunnel, killing the ISIS militants inside, the media office of the Iraqi Joint Operations Command said in a statement.

SOURCE: 11 May 2022, Xinhua

(U) Portugal – Police Shoot Knife-Wielding Man During Hostage Situation

(U) Lisbon – Portuguese police have shot and killed a man, described as a German citizen by some local media, who had taken another person hostage at knifepoint in an apartment on the outskirts of Lisbon on Thursday. In a statement, police only confirmed that the hostage-taker had died of his wounds, but provided no details on him or his hostage, and declined to elaborate when contacted by Reuters. Attempts to free the victim had resulted in an officer being stabbed, so police opened fire.

SOURCE: 12 May 2022, Reuters

(U) Togo – Eight Soldiers Killed in Attack by Suspected Terrorists

(U) Kpendjal – Eight soldiers have been killed and 13 wounded in an attack in northern Togo, the government said, marking potentially the first deadly raid on its territory by armed groups who have killed thousands in neighboring countries. Before dawn on Wednesday, a group of heavily armed gunmen ambushed an army post in the Kpendjal prefecture near the border with Burkina Faso, the government said in a statement. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 11 May 2022, Al Jazeera

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